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Mr. Eesley is a Professor of Contract Management for the Defense Acquisition University (DAU). He joined the DAU Norfolk, VA campus in August of 2005 after completing an assignment as the Center Director for Contracting at DAU's Curricula Development & Support Center. He was responsible for the strategic development and fielding of all contract training provided by DAU, placing a mission support and customer focus on DAU contract training. Before arriving at DAU he has been a consultant for industry and government clients on business process improvement issues, outsourcing studies, requirements packaging, and performance based service acquisition.

Lyle is a 29-year veteran of the United States Air Force and retired as a Colonel. He served as the Director of Contracting for three different Air Force Major Commands, Air Education and Training Command, Air Mobility Command, and Alaskan Air Command, managing an acquisition budget approaching \$1 Billion annually. He has held increasing levels of responsibility in the contract career field, from buyer, to contracting officer, section chief, division chief, squadron commander, and director of contracting.

He is an advocate of strategic thinking within the acquisition community and developed a Command wide strategic business strategy governing the competitive sourcing of over 6,500 positions for Air Education and Training Command. An early advocate of e-commerce, in 1993 Lyle pioneered development of a successful e-procurement system reducing acquisition lead times from weeks to hours for small dollar requirements.

He is a National Contract Management Association (NCMA) Fellow, served on the NCMA board of directors, is currently a member of the NCMA Contract Management Certification and Accreditation Board, and past president of three different NCMA chapters.